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by Robert N. Taylor

OUTRAGE CONTINUES IN BOSTON OVER MINISTER'S DEATH: In the repeal of a scenario which is believed to take place frequently in black communities around the nation, Boston police recently raided a home looking for drugs. But it was the wrong home. The result: A well-lit, 75-year-old black minister died. Having literally been frightened to death by officers who chased him through his apartment, threw him to the floor and handcuffed him. The funeral for Rev. Acelynne Williams was held recently amid public outrage and an investigation into how the police SWAT team misread an informant's map and raided the wrong place. Police Commissioner Paul Evans apologized to Williams' family and labeled the incident "a tragic mistake." But Williams' friend Rev. Albert J. D. Aymer was critical of the police saying Williams did not die at the hands of those who use drugs but "he died because he was a victim of those who are supposed to control illicit drug use." Meanwhile, nationwide there are increasing reports of drug raids on the wrong homes as police are accused of neglecting proper procedure in their zeal to catch drug dealers. —BOGTON, MA

LARGEST BLACKOWNED BUSINESS CUTTING COSTS: TLC Bearco—the nation's largest black-owned company—has announced that it has cut its New York headquarters staff by half and sold the corporate jet in a bid to cut costs. The company cut its European staff by 300 persons earlier this year. The "downsizing" may signal significant trouble for the \$1.7 billion firm. TLC Bearco was founded by black entrepreneur Reginald Lewis. But since his death last year, the firm has had a series of problems. Lewis' widow Loida Lewis now heads the company after taking control from Lewis' half-sister Jean Puget in February. —NEW YORK, NY

MANDELA SUPPORTS CRACKDOWN ON ZULU VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN: African National Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela recently gave his support to a move by South Africa's white minority government to establish emergency rule in the Zululand-dominated Natal province. The move came after chief

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Raritan Valley Links honor Women of Distinction



(L-R) Links members Nola Cauley, Gail Thigpen-Allen, President, Lillian Lockley; Chairperson, Arleene Pitts; and Co-Chairperson Claire Davis. Front (L-R) Honorees Dr. Shirley Jackson and Jan E. Johnson.

RARITAN VALLEY—The Raritan Valley Chapter Links, Inc., will honor four African-American women of distinction during a jazz brunch at the Somerset Marriott on April 24th.

Committee members of the Links recently met with the honorees to confirm that they were chosen to be recipients of the R.V. Luminous Award. Shirley DelBello, executive director of New Jersey Transit, Dr. Shirley Jackson, Ph.D., physics professor at Rutgers University, Jan Edgerton Johnson, editor-in-chief of City News and Nancy L. Lane, director of corporate affairs of Johnson & Johnson are to be recognized for their outstanding professional achievements.

Proceeds of this event will benefit the continuation of community services as of

City National to act as credit agent for AT&T

BASKING RIDGE, NJ.—AT&T has signed a contract with City National Bank of New Jersey, the state's only African-American owned bank, to act as agent for the establishment of a \$50 million credit line.

The contract with the Newark-based institution is one of the largest of its kind with any minority-owned bank in the US. City National will act as lead bank in a syndicate of more than 50 minority and women-owned banks in establishing the AT&T credit line.

Corporations pay banks up-front fees to set up such credit lines, similar to revolving lines of credit individuals may arrange at their local banks. Additional fees are paid when funds are withdrawn. Typically a single bank acts as the company's agent in arranging for a number of banks to commit to a portion of the credit facility.

"AT&T is a welcome addition to our roster of corporate clients," said Louis E. Prezeau, president and chief executive of City National. "By showing confidence in

City National and other participating institutions, AT&T's example can go a long way toward convincing other companies to do business with minority-owned enterprises."

"This contract is a significant addition to our six-year-old program to expand our relationships with financial institutions owned by women and minorities," said AT&T Treasurer, Lawrence Prendergast. "As those institutions grow, both in number and in size, we look forward to expanding our associations with them."

According to the National Bankers Association, the Washington-based organization of minority and women-owned banks (MWOBs), there are currently 102 MWOBs in 29 states and the District of Columbia. MWOBs have total assets in excess of \$11 billion, and service more than one million depositors.

The National Bankers Association has member banks owned by African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and women.

EO Mayor, Council battle over tax sales

by Jacynth Clarke
with Jan M. Johnson

On April 5, a public hearing on the East Tax Lien Sale Program filled the Council chambers with East Orange residents including its Mayor Cardell Cooper. Eleven residents voiced their concerns, asking the council to provide them with the pro's and con's of the sale as it relates to them.

After much discussion, the Council decided there was no alternative to the municipal bulk tax lien sale. According to Third Ward Councilman, Mark Scotland, taxpayers would have to "prepare for a massive tax increase of over 300 tax points, without the sale."

In a press release dated March 31, Mayor Cooper stated that he sent the Council in a

letter saying: "It is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of East Orange that you act upon the municipal tax lien bulk sale immediately. Any further delay on your part would be a major error and would place the city's fiscal standing in jeopardy."

According to the release, the Mayor was referring to the multi-million dollar million that could be realized in the city's budget if the Tax Lien Liquidation Program is approved by the City Council.

The Council entered the 1993 fiscal year on June 1, with \$10 million surplus, however, the budgeted surplus shrank by \$10 million due to unpaid taxes and "administrative negligence," according to Yvonne Blake, Chairwoman of the City Council.

Blake said she has not received any of the requested information concerning the brokerage firm, McManimon and Scotland, which has offered to handle the matter. According to the Mayor's spokesperson, the firm has acted as bond counsel for the city for approximately 15 years.

Blake also said that, the proposal presented by representatives of McManimon and Scotland at the March 7 Council meeting was ambiguous and that the additional documentation was therefore requested but never received by Council.

Blake said, the Council hired a qualified budget analyst to look into the "inconsistencies" as it relates to the financial capacity of the Council.

Lines were drawn when after two weeks, the analysis was dismissed by Mayor Cooper for an alleged discrepancy in a legal docu-

ment authorizing fee payment. However, the Mayor's spokesperson said that the company was dismissed due to non-compliance with the City's Affirmative Action regulations citing the fact that the firm had no minorities in its employ.

Second Ward Councilman and Chairman of Finance, Charles Robinson, Jr. responded to the Mayor in writing, describing his actions as "reckless towards the Council" and said it "impedes the Council's effort," adding, "We need a financial consultant before moving further."

The authorization of the municipal tax lien sale lies solely on the legislative Council

Body, however, Blake charged the delay was a result of the administration withholding pertinent information and documentation from the council body.

"There are some serious questions that must be answered concerning the inconsistencies," She added, "We are looking for the best way to save the citizens of East Orange money and the administration is keeping Council unaware of actions taking place."

Blake commented that the decision is not a political one. She said, "It is a decision that is going to affect lives of many, many people. I must take all measures I possibly can to

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Women get rough in Council race

by Connie Woodruff

The face of politics is about to change in Newark according to veteran political watchers who give credit to five African American women in a field of thirteen candidates for five council-at-large seats in the 1994 mayoral-council race.

A crowd of about 300 voters attended the first city-wide debate for council-at-large candidates in the North Ward and they were not disappointed. It was a spirited event and a lively exchange of ideas between the men and women who desperately want to capture one

of the four seats.

Three of the thirteen candidates were missing, including two incumbents: City Council President Gary Harris and Rev. Ralph T. Grant, Jr. A spokesman for Harris was not permitted to speak in his behalf.

But those present to speak for themselves included Bessie Walker, a Central Ward Democratic chairlady; Mildred Crump, a community volunteer and well-known teacher for the handicapped; Sandra Addison-Simpson, secretary for a former council member; Gayle Chaney-field, educator and Geraldine (Gigi) Foushee, Essex

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Libraries change lives

CHICAGO, IL.—A teenage boy is roused from a coma by his parents using techniques they learned from a library book.

A woman diagnosed with breast cancer turns to the library to research her options for treatment.

A retiree becomes a published writer at the age of 67 using the library both for source materials and to find outlets for his articles.

Libraries change lives, shape lives—even save lives. It happens everyday. "Libraries Change Lives" is also the theme for National Library Week, April 17-23—a time when libraries, librarians and library supporters across the nation celebrate one of our nation's most unique and democratic institutions. The annual observance is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA).

How do I find a good day-care program for my child? How much money should I be saving for my retirement? How can I cook without using sugar? What scholarships do I qualify for? How do I get a small business loan? Librarians are expert at providing answers to questions like these and thousands more answers that can literally change—sometimes even save a life.

According to ALA President Hardy R. Franklin, "that's what libraries and librarians are all about, we provide books, magazines,

almanacs, encyclopedias and a lot of other materials. But what we do is actually something much more important. We provide millions of people with the information they need to make important decisions about a health and welfare of their families."

Franklin, who is director of the District of Columbia Public Library, is focusing his leadership efforts on customer service in libraries. He points to books on tape, on-line databases and videotapes as examples of how libraries have adapted their services to meet changing needs.

During National Library Week, he is encouraging librarians across the country to conduct customer satisfaction surveys.

"Customer service is the heart of our profession, sometimes that means asking questions as well as answering them. We know that libraries, have many satisfied customers. This survey is an attempt to document that fact, to learn how we can serve better and let our users know we care what they think."

The association is also continuing its campaign to secure increased funding for libraries by asking library users to share how the library has changed or made a difference in their lives.

The rally for America's Libraries campaign was launched in 1991 to increase public

awareness of library funding problems and has generated responses over 500,000 Americans.

"The letters provide invaluable testimony about how libraries and librarians make a difference," Franklin explained. "Our goal is to educate decision-makers about the vital services that libraries provide and how much Americans value these services."

Franklin noted that today "vital" means more than providing bookshelves; libraries need funding for computers and other technology to serve their customers in the Information Age. About two-thirds of adults use libraries each year, checking out more than a billion books, magazines, tapes, computer software, tools, toys and a variety of other items on loan.

This year library supporters can send statements by electronic mail via Internet to suplib@uicvm. Message can also be sent via Prodigy Services to FWC000A; CompuServe to 76657,1315; and America On-line to CHARLIEWVT, subject: Support Libraries. Library supporters can also send messages of support "the old fashioned way" by taking them to their local libraries or mailing them to Rally for America's Libraries, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Community Calendar

NOW THROUGH APRIL 21

MONTCLAIR—Montclair State College, College Art Gallery presents "Two Views: Sculpture and Drawing." Artist: Spohr, Hing Lee and Richard Taylor.

NOW THROUGH MAY 12

NEWARK—135 prints that represent 66 years of printmaking of The Society of American Graphic Artists. Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St., second and third floor galleries. For more information call 201-733-5643.

MARCH 13-APRIL 21

SOMERVILLE—9th Biennial Exhibition Project. Sixty prints selected from hundreds of artists throughout the U.S. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues-Fri, and 1-4 p.m. on Sat. Admission is free, or show call 908-725-2110.

NOW THRU MAY 10

PLAINFIELD—Tutor Training Workshop for an English as a Second Language Course. Tutors needed for Literacy Volunteers of America program. Located at The Plainfield Public Library, 8th St. at Park Ave. Please call 908-757-1111 if interested.

APRIL 14-15

SUMMIT—"Bead Dazzle," an exciting hands-on workshop using the latest techniques to create beads from glass and other materials. Workshop instructor: Kay Bain Weiner, author of several books on glass arts. \$80 per person and \$20 for materials. Call 908-273-9121 for more information.

PLAINFIELD—Tenant Landlord Workshop, at the City Hall Annex, 510 Watchung Ave. from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This workshop is to inform Plainfield residents of their rights as tenants. For more information call Mrs. Joy Hillman at 908-753-3526.

MONTCLAIR—Montclair State College presents Art Forum Lecture Series 3-4:50 p.m., Calais auditorium, Free. Call Patricia Lay at 201-655-7294.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Forum on Hate Crimes. To help educators and students gain a better understanding of what hate crimes are and how to prevent them on high school and college campuses. 7-9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. To register call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

MONTCLAIR—Free Homebuying Seminar. Union Baptist Church, 12-14 Mendham Ave. Thurs. 6-8 p.m. To RSVP or further information call 201-746-7725.

APRIL 14-MAY 5

TRENTON—Thursday's at the New Jersey State Museum, basic astronomy course for families. \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 6 years and over. Reservations is a must. Call 609-292-6333 for further information.

APRIL 15-16

PATERSON—"The Grapes of Wrath," final production of William Paterson College theatre series. 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for students and senior citizens. Also shows on the 22 and 23, for more information call 201-595-2371.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

WATCHUNG—Litter Day '94. Volunteer to pick up litter in the Watchung Reservation. 9 a.m. to noon, approximately 250 community volunteers and organizations will be on hand. For more information call 908-789-3670.

NEWARK—Raz Baraka, author of "In The Tradition," will give a book signing and lecture from 2-4 p.m. at the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St. All events are free and open to the public. For more information call 201-733-7793.

JERSEY CITY—Latin American Folklore & Songs by Felix Pire at 9:15 a.m., at the Main Children's Department, 472 Jersey Ave. and at 10:45 a.m., at the Pavonia Branch, 326 8th St. For more information please call 201-547-4381.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

PLAINFIELD—The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society meets at 3 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue. This reading: "I Been in Sorrows Kitchen" by Susan Straight. For more information call 908-757-1111.

WESTFIELD—Benefit concert featuring the Newark Boys Chorus at Westfield High School, 550 Dorland Road, 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance/adults, \$7 for children under 12 and senior citizens. \$12 at the door. For more information please call 908-232-4759.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

JERSEY CITY—A "Legal Education Night," a series of free private consultations with Daniel D. Alessandro, Esq., will be held 6-8 p.m. at the Women's Center.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

NEWARK—Essex County College, Community Resource Fair, sponsored by the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services. For more information call 201-680-3530.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

NEWARK—Child Abuse Prevention Conference, at UMDNJ Campus. For more information call State Dept. of Human Services at 201-680-3530.

JERSEY CITY—Norma Toney will speak on "Co-dependency: What is it?" on Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. in room 202 of Hepturn Hall.

NEWARK—DYFS Annual Scholarship, at Essex County College. For more information call the State Department of Human Services at 201-680-3530.

MONTCLAIR—"Be Your Own Person: Awareness Training Top," lecture by Dr. Joan Ficke, director of the Women's Center at Montclair State College. Held at Montclair State College, call for more info. 201-855-4333.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21-22

GREENBROOK—"Fifty-five Alive: Motor Driving Course," given by the AARP to help drivers 50 years of age and older improve their driving skills. 6-10 p.m. both days, at Greenbrook Manor, 303 Rock Ave. \$8 fee, and a light dinner and refreshments will be served. Deadline for registration is Tues. April 19. For more information call 908-687-1000, ext. 2019.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22-23

MORRISTOWN—19th Annual Daffodil Show at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Free and open to the public. 1-5 p.m. on Fri. and 10-3 p.m. on Sat. \$3 East Hanover Ave. Call 201-326-7600 for more information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

WILLINGBORO—"Africana Market-place," hosted by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will be held from 11-7 p.m., at JFK Junior H.S., Levitt Parkway & JFK Wy. Vendors needed for this event, fax for an application at 609-530-7743. Registration deadline is April 14.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22-24

WESTFIELD—Craft Market. Show hours are Friday 5-9 p.m.; 500 Highway Ave. Sat. & Sun. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekend passes are \$6. Children 10 and under are admitted free. Group discounts are available for parties of 10 or more. Free parking. For more information call 201-538-6720.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library, Friends of the Library Annual Meeting. 1 p.m. R.R. St. and Park Ave. 908-757-1111.

PRINCETON—Afro-American Historic Sites and Material Culture by Gretchen Sorin, historian and museum consultant held at Morven, 55 Stockton Street, at 1:30 p.m. Free, reservations required. For more information call 609-683-3495.

EDISON—Middlesex County College will host its annual open house for prospective and admitted students from 1-4 p.m. in the College Center Building. For more info call 908-908-2566.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

UNION—Union County College 2nd Annual Dick Luster Golf Tournament. 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start Suburban Golf Club, Morris Ave. Call 908-709-7039 for more information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

PLAINFIELD—FamilyNet Meeting, Plainfield Public Library 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information call 908-757-1111.

Senior citizens receive awards



(L-R) Adelle Carter and Virginia Royal, not shown: George Smith. Ceramic Glazes 20th annual Ceramic Hobby Show. The winners who are members of the Friday morning ceramic program at the Plainfield Senior Citizens Center entered their creations in the amateur hobbyist competition exhibits. Adelle Carter, won a First Place blue ribbon for her Cherub. The Second Place red ribbon was awarded to George Smith who created a five piece tea set and Virginia Royal won two Second Place, ribbons for her creation of two clown figurines. The winning pieces are on exhibit now at the Plainfield Senior Citizens Center located at 305 E. Front St. Photo by Steve Green.



NEWARK—Announcing a special Newark screening of the movie Bopha!, are from left: Henry Martindale of the Hudson County Clerk's office, Professor Oregina Whiggen-Hawkins, Essex County College; Lonellia P. Bice of the Newark School system; Geri W. Coles of the 100 Black Women; Newark Mayor Sharpe James; Hudson County Clerk Janet Haynes, national board director of the 100 Black Women and Bopha co-chair, Jabir Wadud of Merrill Lynch, and Monica Steiner, aide to Sen. Frank Lautenberg. Photo by William Ramon.

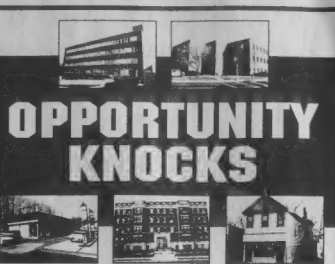
East Orange 'Days Out' features Spring adventure

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Days Out Program scheduled for the week of April 18 through April 22 will offer students fun and adventure during their Spring Break from school. "Spring Adventure" is the theme for the third installment of the Days Out Program, a collaborative effort between the city and the East Orange School District. The program allows parents and guardians the opportunity to enroll their children in cultural, educational and recreational activities during week long breaks in the school year.

Activities scheduled during the week include field trips to Ranch Horse Heaven, the Pennsylvania Freedom Theater, the New Jersey State Aquarium, the New Jersey African American Museum and a tour of the Meadowlands Sports Complex. Days

Out participants can also go roller skating, bowling, to the Sports Park USA and attend a Nets Basketball Clinic. At the Fellowship Civic and East Orange YMCA a Fun-O-Rama and Sports-A-Rama is scheduled.

Fees for the various activities range from \$5 to \$15 a day. All participants must provide their lunch unless otherwise noted. Activities begin at 8 a.m. and run through 4 p.m. Special hours for evening registration will take place now through April 15 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Department of Policy, Planning and Development on the first floor at East Orange City Hall. Registration will also take place during normal business hours. Registration for some activities is limited. For information call 201-266-5432.



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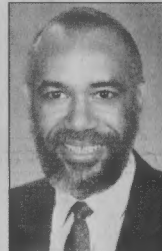
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Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party initiated a campaign of violence aimed at preventing Zulus from voting in the April 26 to 28 all race elections. Buthelezi said most observers expect Mandela to win those elections and put an end to Inkatha's push for a separate Zulu nation. Buthelezi's opposition to a Mandela led government is so strong that he has aligned himself with rightwing whites who also want a separate white nation in order to avoid being ruled by blacks. One poll has shown nearly half of Zulus support Mandela and a lot of the Inkatha violence has been aimed at them.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

BLACK COLLEGES WORK TO STOP LOSS OF FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS: Thirty-two historically black colleges will be dropped from the federal student loan program on June 30, if Congress does not grant them an extension. The problem is that the colleges have high student loan default rates. Under current rules, a school is dropped from the federal student loan program if default rates exceed 25 percent for three years. The head of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Samuel Myers says the Clinton administration "is supportive and legislation to grant the schools an extension is working its way through Congress. Last year student loan defaults from both blacks and whites totaled \$2.5 billion."—WASHINGTON, DC

BLACK WEALTH BUILDING CONFERENCES TO TAKE PLACE NATIONWIDE: A series of two-day Black Wealth Building conferences has been scheduled to take place in a dozen cities around the nation beginning this summer. Sponsored by the nationally known financial selfhelp organization the Better Life Fund, the conference takes place in Washington, D.C. on July 1 and 2. According to spokesman James Nathan, "We selected the July 4th weekend for the first conference because we will be detailing to African-Americans how to achieve financial independence through business, investing, and income enhancement techniques." Firms and organizations offering homebased businesses, multi-level marketing, franchises, investment opportunities and business loans will be represented at the Washington conference. The first conference will be followed by similar conferences later in the summer and fall in 11 other cities. Persons interested in a free packet of information about the black wealth building conferences can write the Better Life Fund, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038 or call

2023198451. According to Nathan, "these conferences will show blacks exactly what to do in order to build personal wealth."—WASHINGTON, DC

CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN UNCOVERS INVESTIGATION: The state of Illinois is now investigating a transportation contract awarded to a friend of Senator Carol Moseley-Braun while she was a state lawmaker. Moseley-Braun is now the only African American in the U.S. Senate. State records reportedly show that the friend Ronald W. Killbrey had checks from the contract mailed to Moseley-Braun's apartment where he stayed for seven months and that one of the checks was cashed by Moseley-Braun herself. The 1988 contract totaled less than \$300,000. A spokesman for Moseley-Braun said she would have no comment on the investigation because "it has nothing to do with her."—CHICAGO, IL

PRIVATE SCHOOL GROUP FAILS TO IMPROVE INHERITANCE CITY TEST SCORES: One of the current trends in American education is to have private educational groups take over inner city public schools in an effort to improve behavior and academic achievement. But one of the first private groups to take over a public school issued a failing grade. The teachers union in Baltimore, Maryland released a report showing that Education Alternatives, Inc., which manages nine public schools in Baltimore, had failed to improve student's test scores. Indeed, said the report, some scores had fallen. But an EAI spokesman said it was too soon to discuss test scores and cited the fact that teachers unions had historically been opposed to private groups managing public schools.—BALTIMORE, MD

JACKSON FAMILY HONORS MIERD IN CONTROVERSY AND DEBATE: Last February's Jackson Family Honors show televised on NBC-TV is mired in debt and controversy. A statement released recently by the Jackson family blamed child molestation charges against superstar Michael Jackson for talent defections, a change in venue and a loss of sponsorship money. It appears the show generated \$4.5 million, but ran up \$5.7 in bills. As a result, numerous people have not been paid and only \$100,000 is expected to go to charity. But the show's executive producer Jermaine Jackson said in an interview "I am doing the best I possibly can" and he promised everyone would eventually be paid. "There were no comments from Michael Jackson."—LOS ANGELES, CA

WATCHDOG

An update on the South African

BRAAMFONTEIN, S. AFRICA—Nineteen parties registered for South Africa's April election by the revised deadline of March 4. Included among these was the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), which had previously declined to participate due to its rejection of the transitional constitution.

Describing its electoral registration as provisional, the IFP said that its final decision on whether or not to take part in the poll would depend on international mediation on outstanding constitutional issues. The IFP has also suggested that the election dates of April 26 to 28 be postponed to allow mediation time for success, and the IFP sufficient time to campaign.

The African National Congress (ANC) has agreed in principle to the use of international mediation in resolving outstanding constitutional disagreements between itself and the government on the one hand, and members of the Freedom Alliance (FA)—notably the IFP and the Conservative Party (CP)—on the other. The ANC has also offered to bind a post-election constitution-making assembly to agreements reached between parties in the pre-election period. The ANC and the government have rejected suggestions that the election dates be changed, arguing that to do so would heighten tension and violence.

The Afrikaner Volksfront (AVF), a coalition of right wing Afrikaner groups in the FA, is divided on whether or not to take part in the election. One of the AVF's leaders, General

Constand Viljoen—with the support of some AVF executive members and a minority of CP members of parliament registered a party (the Freedom Front) for the election. The AVF has subsequently rejected participation in the poll but at the time of writing it seemed possible that the AVF could split on the issue, with some of its members taking part.

Another FA member, the Bophuthatswana homeland's ruling Christian Democratic Party, declined to register. The homeland is currently beset with civil service industrial action. These actions, described by an ANC official as a campaign of "mass action," were initially sparked by pay disputes, and have extended to include calls for the homeland's reincorporation into South Africa, and for its participation in the election. The homeland is also experiencing school disruptions, increasing violence, and restrictions on free political activity. South African political parties and trade unions are not allowed to operate in Bophuthatswana unless they register with the territory's administration. Some groups, such as the ANC and South Africa's largest trade union federation, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, have refused to register—saying that to do so would be to recognize the homeland, which they reject.

The ANC leader, Mr. Nelson Mandela, said that he was prepared to meet Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini to discuss the king's call for the res-

toration of the nineteenth century Zulu kingdom. An opinion poll commissioned by the state-owned South African Broadcasting Corporation found that most Africans in Natal province (including the KwaZulu homeland) wished to see King Goodwill as future provincial head, but did not support the province's second election taking part.

Watford will, from time to time, highlight campaigning hindrances faced by political parties in particular areas. This edition looks at the soon-to-be established provinces of the eastern and western Cape. Afrikaans-speaking colored (mixed race) people constitute the largest ethnic group in the western Cape, while in the eastern Cape black Africans make up 73 percent of the population.

In parts of the western and eastern regions of the present-day Cape province, the mainly (but not exclusively) white National and Democratic parties (NP and DP respectively) regard some African townships as "no-go" areas. Fearing violence and intimidation, both parties appear to have decided to concentrate their campaigns in traditionally white and colored areas, while largely ignoring African townships.

In the eastern Cape, the NP says that it has "accepted" that it is too dangerous to campaign in black townships. The NP says that township residents who do not support "liberation movements" are portrayed as "traitors." It also accuses the ANC of

taking over township anti-crime, food relief, building, and cultural programs and of using these to enforce political hegemony and dispense patronage. The NP says that "frightened" African policemen in eastern Cape townships are politically aligned to the ANC.

The DP says that "it is not safe" to campaign openly in eastern Cape. ANC townships and that African supporters and candidates standing for the party in the region have been threatened. Neither the DP nor the NP has held high-profile meetings in western and eastern Cape African townships in recent months.

The ANC says that in the western Cape, it is able to canvass unhindered in African townships although it says that its supporters are harassed and attacked by supporters of former town councilors in some areas. The ANC also says that there is no "formal physical conflict" between its supporters and those of the NP in the western Cape, but says that its campaign material is destroyed by NP supporters. In both the eastern and western Cape regions, the ANC says it has difficulty accessing some farm workers. This, the ANC says, is due to some CP, NP and DP farmers having restricted access to ANC campaigners and to people conducting voter education. The ANC also says that the Internal Stability Unit, contributes to violence in the western Cape and should be withdrawn.

Back Newspaper bombed

by William Reed

On Tuesday, March 29, 1994 the blackoriented Cincinnati Herald newspaper was firebombed. An arsonist threw an ignited bottle of gasoline through a side window of the Herald and destroyed its newsroom. The attack, which caused over \$12,000 in damage, occurred about 3 a.m. in the morning, but did not disrupt the newspaper's regular production schedule, and the April 2nd edition of the news weekly hit the streets of Cincinnati on schedule.

A Cincinnati fire department spokesman said no suspects have been found in the case, but Lt. Lacey Calloway did say that "a couple of leads are being followed," including phone threats. William Spillers, Jr., publisher of the Cincinnati Herald, said the publication received several threatening phone calls in response to an article entitled "Blacks and

Islam," an op-ed piece that appeared in the March 26, 1994 edition of the paper. The article's author, Michael Burke, gave his historical perspective on the Nation of Islam, and its overall position in the Islamic culture. According to Herald staff members, the column prompted several letters and phone calls to the newspaper.

Initial suspicions centered around the Nation of Islam because the group was mentioned in the article, but local Minister James V. Robinson told NNPA Wire Service that the Nation "had absolutely nothing to do with the attack" and found no fault with the column. Robinson said the nature of the article had more to do with traditional Muslims than with the Nation of Islam. The letters from readers of the article expressed great concerns and disappointment in the Herald for publishing what one reader called "rubbish." Another reader wrote a letter saying the article "has

brought great humiliation to the Islamic community." The letter went on to say, "I hold the Herald totally responsible for any repercussions following this article." No one was hurt in the early morning bombing, but two newsroom residents on the third floor of the Herald building, bombing of black newspapers were frequent occurrences during the first half of this century, the last reported incident was when the Wilmington (N.C.) Journal was bombed, by what were believed to be white nationalists, in 1964.

Marjorie Parham, CEO of the newspaper's parent company, Porter Publishing, said she doesn't know who's responsible for the bombing. "This would be a very convenient time to do an act of terrorism and blame it on the other group," Cincinnati's deputy Mayor Tyrone Yates said the bombing was "a despicable act of violence aimed at one of our guardians of freedom. The bombing demonstrates how great a need

there is to protect and preserve institutions like the Herald." A community activist, Steve Reese, was among leaders speaking out against the act of violence. "I am shocked that one of the oldest black owned businesses would be attacked by members of the community. The Herald has constantly been a voice in the community when other citizens were afraid to speak out." Reese said he considers this a "time for African-owned businesses to turn against each other but to work collectively towards progress."

Ohio Congressman David Mann has alerted U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno of the situation in Cincinnati and is asking for an investigation. Mann said that "One can only conclude that this depraved act was designed to harass, intimidate and otherwise prevent this newspaper from pursuing rights guaranteed to it under the Constitution of the United States." Mrs. Parham and Mr. Spillers said that their publication "will not be silenced."

Newark NCNW holds political forum

NEWARK—The Newark chapter of the National Council of Negro Women has returned to the roots planted by the organization's founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune in the early 1940s by involving the members in a forum for the community in the political dialogue.

Last Sunday NCNW sponsored a forum for mayoral candidates at Abyssinian Baptist Church for a packed house and an opportunity for city residents to question Mayor Sharpe James, Dr. Colleen Walton, Ras Baraka and William (Bill) Payne. Battle lines between the candidates were clearly drawn weeks ago, the mayor stands on the issue of accomplishment and rebuilding faith in Newark as a "Renaissance City," Baraka stumps for "people empowerment," while Dr. Walton sticks with her theme calling for "change" and Payne sounds his advocacy for improving the school system and return to family values.

James' three opponents are working hard to shake voters confidence in the two-term mayor who became a 24-year-old Newark teacher maintains he's the only candidate with a 10-point platform that explains what he intends to do as the next mayor.

For the better part of an hour Patricia Bradford debated hardline citizens anxious to ask the candidates specific questions about community health services, crime, jobs and why there continues to be a lack of adequate recreation for Newark children and young adults.

The debate may signal new directions for NCNW and the women who have been national presidents: Dr. Bethune and the current leader, Dr. Dorothy Height. Both women made politics the cornerstone of their leadership by recruiting NCNW supporters from local politics to the White House and heads of state all over the world.

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OPINION EDITORIAL

Whomever controls the schools controls your future

The school board elections are perhaps a community's most important election. The schools have the greatest impact on our communities. Yet these elections go almost unnoticed. The men and women who are elected to the school boards control the destiny of our community.

Their ability to control and reduce costs will determine the taxes we must pay.

Their ability to improve the delivery of instruction will determine the future of our children and families. Their ability to improve the educational delivery system will determine how much crime and inhumanity we must live with.

Likewise their ability to improve the educational system will determine whether we can develop a quality workforce that will encourage job growth.

With so much at stake, why is there so little interest? We encourage you to focus on the school board elections and get out and vote on April 19.

Remember, he who controls your schools controls your future.

by Connie Woodruff

Larrie West stalks has to be happy about the outcome of the Democratic Party's mini-convention in Essex County where she was the overwhelming favorite to run for re-election as county register with the party's blessing.

Once again Larrie will be teamed with Tom Giblin who won endorsement to run against Mayor Cardell Cooper for county exec in the June Primary.

Joining the Democratic chairman and vice chair Lady on the party ticket will be Newark East Ward councilman Jack Martinez, candidate for Sheriff.

Washington, D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly could be in trouble when she seeks re-election to another term. Unfortunately, it is nothing Sharon has done but what she's been unable to do and that is get crime in the nation's capital under control.

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As I See It...

The mayor has not been able to get the kind of help desperately needed to return sanity to Washington despite the resources of the congress and the moneybags that live in or near center city.

Talking about help. Former mayor or Marion Barry (remember him?) is getting plenty of help from his new wife who would be happy to see the councilman elected mayor for the second time around.

While the newweds Barrys are basking in the happiness of wedded bliss, the former Mrs. Barry is off and running for a new life in academe as a professor at Hampton University.

Rev. Levin West bears watching in the Newark mayor-council election. We give him better than 50-50 odds to land one of the four at-large seats up for grabs.

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plex, Grace Manor, in the Central Ward. He came up with that when most folks thought he hadn't a friend left in the world.

To add insult to injury, West also came up with enough property to build a shopping mall across the street from his senior housing complex and that includes the Grace West Day Care Center with a waiting list for day care slots.

Now the good Reverend is dead serious about getting himself elected to the Newark city council and has had several very successful fund-raisers to prove he's not fooling around.

The latest one drew a crowd of hundreds to the Mediterranean Manor and was attended by some people who haven't been to anything political in years: Helen DeMyrick, a former secretary to mayor Ken Gibson, Al Faiella, former Judge Milton Back and East Ward biggies like Lou Turco, Jimmy Parilla, Councilman Hank Martinez, Sheriff Armando Fontoura and a cameo appearance by Mayor Sharpe James. Like I said, don't take Levin for granted.

Friends of Newark council president Gary Harris and Rev. Dr. Ralph T. Grant are urging the incumbent

councilman to make themselves more visible. Time's a wasting and May 10 is really just around the corner for those who would be council persons.

There may not be a city-wide slate of candidates in the Newark elections but it's for sure Mayor James was recently endorsed by all members of the municipal council and one of the mayor's campaign handouts is a picture of him and the councilmen as one, big happy family.

Whether or not it will boost her candidacy is not known yet. But the only candidate opening charging that government in Newark is corrupt and mismanaged, is Dr. Colleen Walton. One of three candidates running against mayor Sharpe James.

Dr. Walton's campaign material also carries her "commitment" that for her first year as mayor she will only accept \$1.00 with the balance going for college scholarships, jobs and job training for Newark residents, housing and the homeless.

If it happens for sure that will be another "first" for this city that has made all kinds of history and the people will get a big bang for their buck.

Planning for better education

Dear Editor:

Having taught twelve years at High School [level] where I innovatively designed ("School Without Walls," I) through extra curricular activities [using] futuristic methods of sciences and technology, a high standard of Education was maintained. There were far less reports of truancy, misconduct or abuse.

Educational and social crises has become rampant in the inner city society, resulting in violent crime, abuse of children and family, unemployment, and homelessness. Seeing the young adults wearing T-shirts with derogatory statements and pants hanging below the hips along with derogatory Rap Music that professes violence and other kinds of disorder, are definite signs of self destruction. These signs are unhealed in any conceivable way, especially where our youths are concerned.

What kind of intelligence produces or permits these kinds of things? Industry, manufacturers and the media condone these things as there is money to be made. How can anyone wear a "Dr. King's" Tee-Shirt one day and the next day one with derogatory remarks. Are we getting better in comparison... or are we going backwards? Where are our elders, the intelligentsia, who live in our communities?

I accelerated my pace in trying to consult Educators, Ministers, School Workers, Councilmen, adult and youth groups, also attending various conferences and meetings, seeking solutions to address these conditions.

I would like to see a public burning of these Dumb T-shirts and some Moral Code or the destructive Rap Music. If you abuse your privileges you will lose them. Don't forget that there is a price for freedom, even the First Amendment. So new laws are made to fit the crime. Bottled up emotions, big super bad, creates dumb T-shirts and dumb rap music that partly influences crime, and leads to creating Work Camps and prisons for youths. Movie Houses and recreation are only idle times and does not build families or community. We need entrepreneurs as equal to city blocks.

Where are the safety valves that keep us in check; asleep? I had to consult the Newark Board of Education to question the dress code that was eventually put into effect.

I propose that as students, Johnny and Jeanne first need to concentrate on the fact that their responsibility to themselves is to develop ambition, their education, morals, self respect, respect for others, peace and property. They need stimulus, guidance, challenges, incentives, developing skills and talents, industriousness and productivity, to become responsible citizens. There are the rewards of Education. They need The Laws of Life, or [will forever] be in chaos which is devastatingly costly.

Teachers and Administrators would be relieved from truancy stress and tension, finding new dimensions in their profession as the program advances all at a minimal cost, by using whatever tools materials and equipment that are available. Getting prepared to use those that are possibly in storage, to be competitive with other schools even surpassing them, becoming exemplary in the shortest possible time.

How would you like to have the kind of education, where the instruction was phonied in to a teacher who gained a trophy and the school became a Tutor Center that semester, for methodology where students discover the alacrity of their intelligence.

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by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

If you live in those cities or towns that have elected school boards, you need to participate in the upcoming school board elections on Tuesday April 19, 1994. You will be selecting individuals to serve on your local Boards of Education, as well as casting your votes in favor of or rejecting the proposed school budgets. If it

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KIDS' KALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

MOUNTAINIDE—Appetizer-Style Egg Basket: 9:30 to 1:30 p.m. Elisa Kessler, Carolee of Summit to instruct class. \$25 fee, includes all materials and coffee. For more information call 908-769-9670.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

EAST ORANGE—Films for kids every Saturday through the 20th of April 11 a.m. at the EO Public Library, 21 S. Arlington Ave. 201-265-5600.

PLAINFIELD—VA Math 9 to 10:30 a.m. Storyreader, Jen Sudd 4-8 yrs. 11 a.m. every Saturday. Craft program: Kids 2 p.m. Ages 8 and up. King's Daughters Photo Contest.

SUMMIT—New Jersey Center for Visual Arts has added second sections of the popular "Carington: People and Animals (Ages 6-10)," "Comic Book Art (Ages 9-14)" and "Puppets (Ages 3-5)" workshops. 2-3:30 p.m., mail or bring in application to the Center, 68 Elm St. N.J. 07901 or call 908-273-9121.

TRENTON—New Jersey State Museum, workshops at 10 a.m. for 4-5, 11 a.m. for 6-12. Topics: Prehistoric Animals, Geology and fossils, Pottery, Reproduction, Prehistoric Artifacts, and more. For more information please call 609-292-6310.

APRIL 19 & 26

EAST ORANGE—Young Adult Films at the East Orange Public Library, "Voyage to the Enchanted Isles," and "In Search of 'Plat'." 3:30 p.m. 21 South Arlington Ave. 201-265-5600.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

PLAINFIELD—Paper Airplanes at 3:30 p.m. Ages 6-12, at the Plainfield Public Library, 8th St. and Park Ave. for more information call 908-757-1111.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

PLAINFIELD—Little People Story Hour, Fridays at 11 a.m. For Kids ages 3-5. Also for the 22nd only, Fun Foam Bracelets at 3:30 p.m. Ages 6-12 at the Plainfield Public Library, 8th St. and Park Ave. For more information please call 908-757-1111.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

PLAINFIELD—3rd Annual YMCA Healthy Kids Day. Come out and celebrate kids' health in mind, body, and spirit at the Plainfield YMCA. For more information call 908-756-9050.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

MANHATTAN—Kindertrans-port. Manhattan Theatre Club Stage 1 at City Center, 131 West 55th St. Tickets to all performances are \$40. For more information call 212-581-1212.

APRIL 30 - MAY 1

WESTBURY NY—Westbury Music Fair presents, "All the Fun You Can Sing," an interactive musical experience during which families can expect to sing and act out their favorite songs. For further information call 516-334-0800 or Ticketmaster locations.

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Do Something offers Summer leadership course

NEWARK—The Newark Do Something Fund (NDSF) is offering a comprehensive action oriented course for individuals interested in improving the quality of Newark and also to improve their leadership skills.

The course is offered on a variety of nights to different age groups. Monday night is offered for individuals 15-29 years old. The class consists of approximately 30 students. Tuesday's class is for individuals 21-29 and Thursday is for people 30 and over. The course consists of three levels, with the first levels beginning this summer.

The course includes studies in public speaking on video tape, computer training, leadership and management theory, ice breaker skills and actual community organizing. Each student in a class is required to teach a session during the 15 week course.

The course is free to those who are accepted into the program. The first set of students of the Leadership Course will graduate from level 1 with a ceremony at Branch Brook Park on April 23.

To request an application call 201-643-6373 or visit the Newark Do Something Fund office at 604 Martin Luther King Blvd. in Newark.

Chamber announces \$1,000 scholarship

EAST ORANGE—Achieving good grades and participating in extracurricular and community service activities are the criteria for the East Orange Chamber of Commerce's annual scholarship. For that reason the East Orange Chamber of Commerce announces its 10th annual Susan B. Oruglio Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award. The scholarship pays \$1,000 toward tuition at a college or technical school of the recipient's choice.

"It is important that our young people strive to be diligent in school and in their communities," stated Timothy Rodgers, chairman of the Chamber's Scholarship and Awards Committee. "The chamber rewards these efforts for they make for a productive society. The chamber is committed to helping young people prepare for the year 2000."

To qualify for the scholarship, student applicants must be seniors at East Orange High School, Clifford Scott High School or Essex Catholic High School. Adult applicants must have resided in East Orange for one year and not currently be attending a college or technical school.

Rogers stated that the scholarship is not necessarily intended for the brightest students, but for those who are most productive in and out of school. "We are proud that this is our 10th year of honoring our young people's accomplishments."

Scholarship applications must be submitted and postmarked by June 1, 1994. Applications may be obtained by contacting the High School Guidance Department or call 674-0900.

Students Receive Essay Contest Awards

NEWARK—Three Newark students will receive recognition for their winning entries into the Third Annual Essay Contest, sponsored by the Newark Section of National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW). The essay contest winners' portion of the program, "Let Their Voices Be Heard" will follow the general membership meeting from 4-6 p.m. at April 17th at Abyssinian Baptist Church Annex, 224 West Kinney Street.

Many Bundy, president of the organization, said, "As part of NCNW's ongoing commitment to education and

youth in the tradition of our founder, Mary McLeod Bethune, we invite our youth to let their voices be heard through this creative and educational opportunity that will foster self-esteem, freedom of expression and personal achievement."

Each participant will receive a certificate, and the top three awarders will receive a savings bond along with a specially selected gift.

All NCNW members are invited to attend. For information, contact the Newark Section essay chairperson, Babette Hoyt at 201-596-3439.

Newark student gets silver medal in figure skating



NEWARK—Naduska Negron, left, of Newark won a silver medal in the level one figure skating compulsory competition at the New Jersey Special Olympic Winter Games on February 10. The games were held at Mennen Arena in Morrisstown. Naduska is congratulated by Sally Streeter, manager of public relations and promotional marketing for Bell Atlantic Yellow Pages; year-round sponsor of the NJ Special Olympics.

Balfour receives NSF Excellence Prize

NEWARK—Rutgers-Newark student Chloe Balfour, of East Orange has been presented with a National Science Foundation Incentives for Excellence Scholarship Prize, in recognition of her academic performance and research work in biology.

Balfour is a sophomore at Rutgers-Newark majoring in biology. She is to share the \$1,000 prize with another scholarship winner from Rutgers-Newark.

The Incentives for Excellence Scholarship is designed to increase opportunities for outstanding minority students to pursue advanced studies in science, mathematics or engineering.

The scholarship prize, the first awarded to Rutgers-Newark, is presented to undergraduates at institutions where graduates have received an NSF Minority Graduate Fellowship.

How to get Athletic Scholarships

DAKHURST—Over 100,000 college athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. However, those funds go uncollected each year because students do not know how or where to apply for scholarships.

For information on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a self-addressed business size, stamped envelope to the National Sports Foundation, 611A Willow Drive, P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

Audition now for the Summer Arts Institute

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Institute for Arts and Humanities Education, sponsors of the New Jersey Summer Arts Institute at Rutgers University (SAI) will be hosting a series of regional auditions throughout the state, beginning on Saturday, April 16th at Panasonic Headquarters in Secaucus. Additional auditions will be held on Saturday, April 30th at Rutgers in New Brunswick, Sunday, May 22 at Rowan College in Glassboro, and Sunday, June 5th at the Douglass campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Serious students, currently in grades seven through 12, are encouraged to choose one or two art areas in

ship. Balfour was selected to share the NSF prize to recognize the initiative and ability she demonstrated as a research assistant in the laboratory of Jennifer Swann, associate professor of biology. Swann, whose research focuses on how neural activity controls behavior, explained that Balfour and the other scholarship recipient both individually asked if they could work in her lab to expand upon what they were learning in their science courses. "They told me they wanted to do research, which is exactly the kind of enthusiasm we look for in science" said Swann.



NSF Scholarship recipient, Chloe Balfour

which to audition for the 14th New Jersey Summer Arts Institute.

An audition includes a series of master classes with professional artists who will provide 1½ to 2 hour classes in the visual, performing, literary, media or inter arts. Personal critiques will be offered of work provided by student writers, visual and video artists.

The New Jersey Summer Arts Institute is a five week residential school with an intensive, pre-college learning experience. Opening day will be July 3. For further information please call, 908-163-3640 or 800-560-ARTS or write to: Box 352, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

Lessons in History

NEWARK—As a participant in the United Way Celebrity Read Program, Nathan Doctry, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon on staff at East Orange General Hospital takes time out to give history lesson to a kindergarten class at Camden Street School in Newark. Students (l-r), Tajia Cook, Terrance Morris, Manuel Walker, and Tavaya Solomon.



Sharing ancestral stories

MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) will present a storytelling hour with Native American Dove Thomason on Sunday, April 17.

Thomason first began sharing the traditions of her Oglala Lakota and Kiowa Apache ancestry in the 1970's while teaching literature at the high school level. When she relocated to the Northeast in the

early 1980's, Thomason continued to introduce storytelling and oral history to classrooms, often providing teacher-training and curricula in Native American culture.

With the guidance and contributions of other Native American storytellers around the country, her programs have grown to include stories beyond those of her Plains home, especially highlighting the Algonquian and Iroquois Northeastern regions.

The performances are entertaining and educational, drawing on the humor and vitality of stories of animals

and places to provide a perspective on the connection of all beings to the Earth.

Museum hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday and Thursday. Closed Mondays and major holidays.

Admission is free to Museum members; suggested donation for non-members is \$4 general; \$2 senior citizens and students over 18 with I.D., under 18, free. Admission to the Museum is free to everyone on Saturdays.

Youth participate in National Urban League's Stop the Violence Week

The National Urban League announces a nationwide observance of "Stop the Violence Week" beginning April 10 through April 16, 1994. The week is sponsored by the National Urban League Incentives to Excel & Succeed you program (NULITES) which is designed to call attention to the growing levels of violence of African-American youth in the country.

John E. Jacob, president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League along with the Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., senior minister at the church service, a candle was passed in descending order from the elderly to young people to represent the quest for peace and signal the beginning of the week.

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Religious Calendar

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

MORRISTOWN—"Second Annual Spirituality Convocation" 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the College of St. Elizabeth. Eighteen single session workshops. For registration information call 201-292-6335.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

STIRLING—"Irish Spring Fling" at The Shrine of St. Joseph. Music, dancing, snacks & drinks. Music provided by the Willie Lynch Trio. 1050 Long Hill Rd. at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information call 506-647-0208.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

PLAINFIELD—Forum for Interfaith Families. A discussion on the problems interfaith couples and families face. The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, 724 Park Ave. (between 7th and 8th Streets). Free and open to the public. For more information on panel contact Grace LaForge at 753-1984.

Send Religious Calendar events to:
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AKAs celebrate Job Corps Month



(L-R) Gertrude Waters, Chairman of the Job Corps Committee, Charlotte Cade, and Lamyra D. Clarke, president of Beta Alpha Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. shown donating 10 Afrocentric books to the Cleveland Job Corps in celebration of "Job Corps Month."

NEWARK—Beta Alpha Omega, Newark Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. recently celebrated Job Corps Month during the month of March. The chapter donated 10 Afrocentric books to the Cleveland Job Corps to aid the enrollees in improving their reading skills and educating them about the importance of African-American History. In addition to the books, the chapter also contributed \$100 to the Job Corps "Shower of Love."

To enroll at the Cleveland Center, individuals must be between the ages of 16 and 22, be from a home that is considered low income, and be from an

area that has conditions which hinder you from getting an education or a job.

Job Corps offers a variety of training programs for both men and women, at over 100 centers. The organization offers training in over 160 different jobs including: automotive trades, carpentry, bricklaying, plumbing, electrical trades, welding, nursing, clerical, secretarial, food services, and many more.

Enrollees can earn a high school equivalency diploma (GED) and can receive assistance upon applying to college.

Dr. J. Thomas Flagg teacher, mentor, friend

by Connie Woodruff

Scores of young people in this city and throughout the state are richer in knowledge and experience for having known Dr. J. Thomas Flagg, an eminent scholar and former athlete who died last week.

Tommy Flagg was a very special person, especially as a male role model. He was a track man throughout high school and college but never permitted his prowess as an athlete to overshadow the imperative of scholarship pursuit.

He moved with his family to Newark from their home in Hawkinsville, Ga. when he was ten years old. The Flaggs lived in Newark's Ironbound section where he attended Wilson Avenue School. Tom graduated from Barringer High School at age 15.

In 1940 he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Montclair State College, a Master of Arts degree in Education and later a Doctoral degree in 1942 at Rutgers University.

He devoted his life to teaching and coaching thousands of students in the Englewood schools before transferring to the Newark system as teach-



The late Dr. Thomas Flagg

er, supervisor and director. There his extra curricular activities including mentoring and coaching young men and boys at the South Ward Boys Club, where he was a past president and a trustee.

One of the first men of color to become a professor of education at Montclair State College, when he retired from the college in 1984, he was honored with the title of Professor Emeritus.

There was a gentleness about Dr. Flagg; a readiness to embrace young people in his South Ward neighbor-

(Continued on page 10)

Health Calendar

NOW THRU MAY 10

PLAINFIELD—"Weight No More... Lose It and Love It!" The Diabetes Center of New Jersey now accepting enrollments, 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Open to diabetics or those who have a family history of diabetes. For further information call 908-668-2575.

EVERY MONDAY

EDISON—"Chemical Dependency Family Education," is currently being offered from 7 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by the JFK Center for Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Treatment. The CDAPT office at 1182 St. George Ave. For more information call 908-634-7910.

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

NEWARK—Free confidential AIDS counseling and testing. Mon - Fri 9-6 p.m. Sat 9-4 p.m. Newark Community Health Centers, 101 Ludlow St. Call 201-565-0355 for appointment, or Plainfield Health Center at 908-733-6401.

NOW THRU APRIL 21

PLAINFIELD—"Diabetes: You're In Control!" 7-8 p.m. Thursday evenings. The course is offered for persons with Type 1 and 2 diabetes and covers: meal/snack updates, weight control, exercise, and more. For more information please call 908-668-2575. Pre-registration is required.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

CRANFORD—Parents United for Self Help, a support group sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Union County. Regular meeting from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Mental Health Association, 15 Alden St. To attend please call 908-272-0300.

MONTCLAIR—"Caregivers of Older Adults: Healers and Heroes," Montclair State's Center for Continuing Education is offering a program to address the needs of caregivers from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms on Campus. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required. Please call 201-655-4353 for more information.

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NESF to celebrate 10th anniversary fundraising auction

NEWARK—For the 10th consecutive year, Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (NESF) will present its annual fund-raising auction. This year's event, entitled "NESF's Rooftop March," will be held April 20th at The Newark Club, located The Newark Center.

Since its establishment in 1977, the social service agency has prevented thousands of emergencies from becoming tragedies by providing food, clothing, shelter, rental assistance, public utilities, information, referrals, and other basic necessities to over 180,000 Greater Newark area families and individuals.

In keeping with tradition, auction items will focus on travel and leisure. These include airline tickets, villas in Jamaica, tickets to a Broadway play, a "buddie" chair, tickets to Atlantic City, a women's health care package, dinner passes, art, health

and beauty packages, a flight to Martha's Vineyard, flying lessons, theater and sporting event tickets, portable radios with headphones, fine crystal, and children's toys.

"Sweet Honey In The Rock" have donated an autographed copy of their book *We Who Believe in Freedom*, commemorating their 20-year musical journey.

WNJR disc jockey Steel Colony will serve as main auctioneer and entertainment will be provided by magician Phillip Jennings performing his show, "Magic With A Soulful Touch."

The Auction time will begin at 5:30 and run to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For ticket information call NESF at 201-643-5727. The Newark Club is located at 1 Newark Center, 22nd Floor, corner of Raymond Blvd. and Route 21 (McCarter Highway) in Newark.

Performers needed for scholarship benefit

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Education Association and Parent Teacher Organization are looking for individuals to perform in their annual scholarship showcase variety show, to be held at Plainfield High School on Saturday, April 23rd.

Singers, dancers, musicians, comics, rappers, poets and other acts interested in being in the show should leave a message at the Plainfield Education Association at 908-561-0664. Proceeds from the event will be used for scholarships for Plainfield High School students.

SHARE adds locations in Union County

NEWARK—New Jersey Self Help and Resource Exchange, a statewide food and community development program has opened two local based organizations at Sarah Bailey Community Center "Seniors of Springfield" located at 30 Church Mall in Springfield, and at Greater Mt. Zion

Holy Church, located at 43 Johnson Avenue in Cranford.

The program offers for 33 to 35 dollars worth of fresh food for two hours of self-directed community service and \$14 in cash or food stamps. For additional information on the program call 201-344-2400.

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METUCHEN—"Form" Theatre Group presents, "Spitin' Image," a musical about a grandfather and grandson celebrating personal pride, education, and love within the family. For ticket information call 908-548-0582

NOW THRU MAY 8

NEW BRUNSWICK—"Home," Sammi-Ann Williams' lyrical tale of a gentle farmer's spiritual journey from his roots in a Southern Hamlet. For more information call 908-243-5551, ext. 23

NEW BRUNSWICK—Art as Metaphor: Verbal Imagery in Contemporary African Art, an exhibition of 29 paintings by Nigerian-born artist Bolaji A. Ojomo. At The Gallery at Crossroads Theatre Company. Call 908-243-5551, ext. 23

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

NEWARK—"Forces of Nature," Montclair High School at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and may be obtained by calling 201-242-9110

NEW YORK—Common Ground: Jazz, African-American & Jewish Composers, at Avery Fisher Hall, 7:30 p.m. For ticket information call 212-721-6500

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

SOUTH AMBOY—Club Bené presents Jackie "The Joke Man" Martling, one night performance, 8 p.m., with colonial dinner at 7 p.m. For reservations please call 908-727-3000

RAHWAY—Westfield Symphony's final concert of the 93-94 season, 8 p.m., at the Union County Arts Center, 1001 Irving Street, 808-232-9400

NORTH BRANCH—Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale, 8 p.m., at the Farrant Vally Community College. Three romantic masterpieces from Russia: Mussorgsky, Rachmaninoff, Mussorgsky-Ravel. For ticket information call 908-725-3420

MONCLAIR STATE—Shapiro & Smith Dance Co. will perform tales of absurdity, anger and beauty. The performance will be held in the Memorial Auditorium at Monclair State College, and will begin at 8 p.m. For more ticket information, please call the Monclair State Box Office at 201-655-5112

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TBS to air South Africa: A Land Apart

NEW YORK—The social and political climate in South Africa is reaching the boiling point as the country's first free election approaches. With just days left before the April 27 election, Network Earth visits South Africa and discovers that the drive to end apartheid finds its roots in a hard-fought battle over control of the land. South Africa: A Land Apart premieres as a half-hour special on Sunday, April 17, at 11 p.m. (ET) on TBS Superstation.

When the National Party instituted its apartheid policies in 1948, millions of black citizens were forced off their ancestral lands and onto "homelands." Within a few short years, overwhelming poverty and desperation drove millions of blacks in search of jobs from the homelands

to townships and squatters' camps that surround South Africa's cities. There they found themselves no better off than on the homelands—poor, cramped, unemployed and without rights or hope. As this election approaches, many want their land returned to them. Control of the land and the wealth it conveys has emerged as one of the key issues in the upcoming political battle.

Network Earth reports David Mattingly and Joe Oliver look beyond the headlines to tell the personal stories of black and white South Africans. They experience the poverty, the resignation and the loss of life in a homeland through the eyes of a black farmer, and compare his experiences to the life of a Mercedes-driving white farmer who feeds for

his land and his life.

Mattingly and Oliver also explore the link between separation from the land and violence as they walk down the mean streets of Soweto. They then visit the fields and meadows of recently reclaimed ancestral land with the elders of the Bakubung tribe. Finally, they witness the difficult and dangerous birth of a democracy as voter education instructors try to empower a new nation of voters, while stressing the need for patience.

"What we see happening in South Africa might tell us something about our future," says Mattingly. "As the earth's resources continue to disappear, first world and third world nations will have to come to terms over how these resources are used and allocated. The conflict in South Africa teaches us that the fruits of the land can no longer exist only for the benefit of economically developed societies."

Bobby 'Blue' Bland
in concert at Club Bené

SOUTH AMBOY—Hall of famer, Bobby "Blue" Bland will appear in concert at Club Bené Dinner Theater, on Friday April 29. Bland will perform one show at 9 a.m. with an optional dinner being served at 7 p.m. This performance will mark

the second appearance that Mr. Bland will make to Club Bené.

Bobby Blue Bland's songs speak about loneliness in tones so wrought with forlorn love and betrayal that you can hear the hurt. His liquid, soulful voice, once punctuated a gospel shout, now bears the weariness of a seasoned blues balladeer. Bland travels with a seven piece combo complete with horns. He brings a blend of gospel, R&B, country and his trademark blues with a Capital B. He has chartered on the R&B charts more than anyone in the history of the charts, except for James Brown and Ray Charles. For further information or reservations please call 908-727-3000.

Bobby Blue Bland

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NEW YORK—From one brilliant singer to another... Her recent acting career began by playing the Lady Day in Spike Lee's film version of Malcolm X. Now she pays tribute to the legendary singer with ten exquisite renditions of Billie Holiday's most famous songs. Miki Sings Billie: A Tribute to Billie Holiday includes My Man, I've Got My Eyes on You, I'll Be Seeing You, and I've Got You Under My Skin.

Marcus Roberts to perform
in 'Common Ground'

Jazz pianist, Marcus Roberts

NEW YORK—Jazz pianist Marcus Roberts is scheduled to perform in The American Symphony Orchestra's concert, Common Ground: Jazz, African-American & Jewish-American Composers at Avery Fisher Hall on Friday, April 15, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will feature works by leading black and

white composers who sought to use and elaborate upon African-American musical traditions and jazz in the orchestral idiom. Music Director Leon Bostein will conduct music by two of the most celebrated American composers, Duke Ellington and George Gershwin, and two living composers, Ulysses Kay and Morton Gould, who turns 80 this year.

Marcus Roberts is now one of the most popular jazz pianists. After first gaining worldwide attention as the pianist in the Wynton Marsalis Septet from 1985 to 1991, he appeared on five of their albums before beginning his career as a Billboard chart-topping soloist and leader. Blind since the age of four, Mr. Roberts has also studied classical piano for tens of years. For ticket information call CenterCharge at 212-721-6500.

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Frontline examines Nelson Mandela's rise to
power and Winnie Mandela's political comeback

BOSTON, MS—On the eve of the first non-racial elections in South Africa, Frontline presents Mandela: an analysis of Nelson Mandela's rise to power as the first democratically elected leader of South Africa and his ex-wife Winnie Mandela's remarkable political comeback.

Mandela will be aired Tuesday, April 26, at 9 p.m., on PBS (check local listings).

Licensed modern-day slaves, Nelson Mandela has withstood five decades of struggle to bring his country to this point in history. The expectations of black and white South Africans rest on his shoulders. But will he be able to carry out his vision of the future?

Beginning in the Transkei, where he was born, to Johannesburg, where he worked as a mine policeman and where today many of the mine owners are now his neighbors in the rich, white suburbs.

The program chronicles the African National Congress (ANC) freedom's role in adopting the Freedom Charter in 1955. The charter declares South Africa belongs to its people, both black and white, and

upon liberation, food will be plentiful. Those who drafted the 1955 charter are now making campaign promises which may be difficult to deliver.

Though two-thirds of South Africa's black society are expected to vote for the ANC, many exist in the ruins of apartheid: an eighty percent unemployment rate, millions living in filthy squatter camps, an entire generation of people scarcely educated with many turning to crime in order to survive.

The program also travels to the violent townships of the East Rand, where radicalized young people crawl slogans such as "One Settler, One Bullet" and "Kill a Cop a day" along their broken streets. They now relate better to Mandela's history as a freedom fighter than as a messenger of peace.

These young people feel the ANC has nothing to offer them. They see the ANC is too concerned with wooing international investment confidence and no longer understands their plight. These young have watched ANC policy move towards the center in the four years since Mandela's release. Gone now is talk of mass

nationalization, of radical redistribution of wealth, and the imposition of a socialist state.

The program further traces the roots of Mandela's political life, exposing the soul of his beliefs: how he changed from an African Nationalist to a statesman negotiating with his former enemies for political stability. Interviews are planned with the ANC's most senior leaders who have known Mandela, shared prison life, and worked with him for much of their lives. Also scheduled are interviews with Afrikans who sought Mandela's release from prison as well as white business leaders who remain critical but recognize his appeal and leadership.

While Nelson campaigns, the other Mandela—Winnie—is back. In less than a year, the ex-wife of South Africa's next president has climbed back from political ostracism and press vilification to the top of South African politics.

Convicted of the kidnapping of a child who was later murdered, denounced by the ANC for her brutal behavior, and finally abandoned by her husband, how did she engineer

such a remarkable political comeback?

She taps into a desire for retribution. In exchange, many people are ready to forget her kidnapping conviction, her well-publicized affair, and the rumors of misappropriating ANC funds. Instead, they remember the years when Winnie Mandela repeatedly defied the South African authorities. She was imprisoned, harassed, placed under house arrest, and denied her husband's company for twenty-seven years.

"Not everyone could have withstood what she endured for twenty-seven years," says Blade Nzimande, a close political ally of Winnie's. "This is why she continues to be called a leader by the people."

Winnie has also retained much of the fiery rhetoric which the other ANC leaders have now abandoned, accusing her ANC colleagues of abandoning their commitment to "liberate the poor" to promote self advancement. Among the radicalized youth in the townships, Winnie Mandela is the flame constantly on these young people's lips as the one political force they can trust.

IMPORTANT
PUBLIC NOTICE

Housing Authority of the City of Passaic

Suspension of Applications for the Family Public Housing Program

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic announces that applications will not be accepted for the Family Public Housing Program effective May 2, 1994, at 4:30 PM until further notice. The decision to suspend taking applications was based on the length of the present waiting list which exceeds 2,100 applicants. Any applications postmarked after May 2, 1994 will not be accepted and will be returned to the sender.

The Housing Authority will publish a notice in this newspaper before it resumes taking applications for the Family Public Housing Program in the future. The Housing Authority will continue, to accept applications for its Senior Citizen Public Housing developments.



Eric Kolbe
Executive Director

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Business Calendar

NOW THROUGH APRIL 21

HACKENSACK—Career Exploration, workshop for women. Career planning, self exploration, and information on the world of work and the help needed in today's job market. Mon.—Thurs. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. \$55 fee. Call 201-343-6000. Ext. 275 for more info.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5—MAY 14

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer a six session "Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) Review." This course is designed to help law school candidates prepare for the LSAT. Classes meet on Saturdays, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Tuition is \$135.00 To register call (201) 200-3089.

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY

NEWARK—Business network, buffet, and dance party. Every 1st Friday of the month at Sheraton Inn Newark Airport (951 1 & 9 North). 5:30 p.m.—1:00 P.M. \$10 fee, \$20 for 9:00 p.m.

APRIL 6-MAY 11

TRENTON—Start Right Build Right! Entrepreneurial training program sponsored by the National Association of Women Business Owners, every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the NJ SBOC, Mercer County Community College, Also Wall Township, at the NJ Natural Gas Co. Washington (Warren County) and Vineland included. For more information or to enroll in seminars contact Harriet Nazzari, NJAWBO/EXCEL headquarters, at 908-707-0173.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

VOORHEES—"Get Business to Come to Through Marketing Meeting." Free seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Voorhees Hampton Inn. For more information call 609-424-4151.

JERSEY CITY—"CLEP: How to Earn College Credit" at 2 p.m. In the formal lounge at Jersey City State College. Speaker will be Rosemary Crocetti. To register or to inquire about other events call 201-200-3189.

MONTECLAIR—Reverse Mortgage! Let your home pay you money! If you are over 62 years of age, 11-12 p.m. at the United Baptist Church, Midland Ave. RSVP: 201-746-7725.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

BRIDGEWATER—"Marketing in the 90's: Competing with Mass Merchandisers." 8-11 a.m., for reservations or more information call, 908-725-1552 or fax at 908-722-7823.

CAMDEN—"Developing a Successful Marketing Campaign." 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Corporate Center, Blackwood Campus. Speaker: Peg Lucko of Marketing Directors. For more information call 609-424-4151.

NEWARK—"Starting and Managing Your Own Business." The Service Corps of Retired Executives will conduct a pre-business workshop at New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, 540 Broad Street from 9-2:30 p.m. For more information call 201-645-5892 to register. Fee is \$15.

NEW YORK—Workforce Diversity Seminar. How to Solve "Unresolvable" Employee Complaints Through Alternative Dispute Resolution. 8:30 a.m. 11th floor conference Room 7, Chemical Bank, 270 Park Ave. Call 719-997-5989 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

WEST ORANGE—Beton Hall University's Second Annual Job Fair. Main Lounge's Chancellor's Suite, at the Bishop Dougherty Student Center. Registration from 8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Networking 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$25 Table (Breakfast/Lunch). For more information call Lizzy Piro or Beth Reynolds at 201-761-9355. FAX: 201-761-9009.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

NEWARK—"Marketing Your Business—What You Need to Know." Featured speaker, William Trombetta, ESQ., Newark Club, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Contact Jennifer Eng at 242-6237.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

NEW YORK—"Regional Alliance For Small Contractors." Annual Awards Luncheon, at the Marriott Marquis, One World Trade Center 44th floor New York, N.Y. 10048.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25-26

MADISON—"The Seventh Annual Conference on Corporate Communication and Change." Panels composed of corporate executives and networking. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Lenfest Hall, Hartman Lounge, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 235 Madison Ave. For a brochure or to register, call 201-593-8710 or FAX: 201-593-8610.

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City News

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SBA to host small business week awards luncheon

NEWARK—Eight New Jerseys will be honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) at its annual Small Business Week Awards Luncheon Ceremony.

This year's luncheon is to be held on Friday, April 22, at the Garden State Art Center in Holmdel is being sponsored by the Eastern, Western and Southern Monmouth Chambers of Commerce. The luncheon is part of National Small Business Week activities, which has been scheduled throughout the country. This year President Clinton has designated May 1-7 as National Small Business Week. "Each year the SBA honors the New Jersey Small Business Person of the Year, as well as outstanding small business leaders who are active advocates of small business concerns," said Laurence A. Gaunt, acting district

director of the SBA Newark Office.

Those interested in attending the 1994 Small Business Week Awards Luncheon can contact Ms. Joan Hesperich of the Western Monmouth Chamber of Commerce at 908-462-3030. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$30.00.

SBA Small Business Week Award Winners
•**Mr. James W. Yoh**, President, Galaxy Scientific Corporation, Pleasantville.
•**Financial Services Advocate**
•**Mr. Robert G. Snyder**, Vice President, Rock Bank, North Plainfield.

•**Women in Business Advocate**
•**Ms. Eileen M. Shrem Bradley**, Beach, New Jersey
•**Media Advocate**

•**Ms. Elizabeth Maiba**, WCTC-AM, New Brunswick
•**Minority Small Business Advocate**

•**Mr. Larry J. Jenkins**, Vice President/Regional Manager, New Jersey National Bank Pennington, Small Business Exporter of the Year

•**Mr. Doug Hulse**, President, Mareco International Corporation, Bridgewater
•**Veteran Advocate**

•**Dr. Patricia Anne Peacock**, Director, Rutgers/Camden Small Business Development Center, Camden, New Jersey
•**Young Entrepreneur of the Year**

•**Mr. Scott J. Elowitz**, President, Custom Design Systems, Inc., Freehold, New Jersey

SBA seeks disadvantaged firms to participate in government contracting program

NEWARK—Laurence A. Gaunt, acting district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), announced recently that the Newark District Office is actively recruiting small construction, service and manufacturing firms owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to participate in the SBA's 8(a) program.

According to Gaunt, the 8(a) program—named after Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act—authorizes the SBA to enter into contracts with other Federal Government Agencies in need of goods and services.

The SBA then subcontracts the actual performance of the work to small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged firms.

"Socially disadvantaged individuals are those who have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice, or cultural bias because of their identification as members of certain groups," said Gaunt.

African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Pacific Americans and Subcontinent Asian Americans have been designated socially disadvantaged.

An individual who is not a member of one of the above-named groups may apply by establishing his/her individual social disadvantage on the basis of clear and convincing evidence of discrimination.

According to Gaunt, an individual's social disadvantage must stem from his or her color, ethnic origin, gender or physical handicap. Members of groups not designated by the SBA must demonstrate that they have personally suffered social disadvantage in order to qualify for the 8(a) program.

Gaunt defined economically disadvantaged persons as "Socially disadvantaged individuals unable to compete in the free enterprise system due to diminishing capital and credit opportunities."

The 8(a) program has a history of helping disadvantaged small business persons who traditionally have faced unusual difficulties in gaining access to the private marketplace," said Gaunt. "The objective of the 8(a) program is to assist eligible firms to become independently competitive."

"Over the past three years, we have seen a significant increase in the amount of New Jersey firms that have benefited from SBA's 8(a) program," said Gaunt.

During 1993 152 New Jersey firms participated in SBA's 8(a) program, compared to 139 firms in 1992 and 116 firms in 1991. According to Gaunt, \$108.5 million in 8(a) contracts were awarded to local firms in 1993, an increase of 13 percent over the \$96 million that was awarded in 1992.

In order to encourage additional New Jersey companies to apply for 8(a) certification, the SBA has scheduled three seminars that will address 8(a) Program eligibility, criteria and application preparation. The seminars will be conducted on Thursday, April 21st, Thursday May 19th and Thursday June 16th in room 204/205 of the Federal Building at 970 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

To be eligible for the 8(a) program, a small business concern must be at least 51 percent owned, controlled and daily operated by one or more socially and economically dis-

advantaged person(s). The firm must also be in business at least two years. Brokers and packagers are ineligible to participate in the program.

For more information about the 8(a) program, or eligibility requirements, call Richard Zieg, Assistant District Director for Minority Small Business/Capital Ownership Development at 201-645-2531. Those interested in attending the free 8(a) Application Workshop should contact Ms. Jewell Pickett of the SBA at 201-645-2533/5831.

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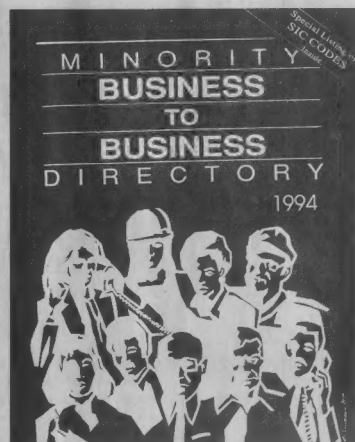
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Mayor, Council battle

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protect those who cannot protect themselves. I am very concerned about that."

According to the Mayor's statement, "The budget presented to the City Council by the Mayor in January called for a tax decrease of four cents, from \$14.33 to \$14.29 per \$100 of assessed value and took into account the inclusion of the Tax Lien Liquidation program which was proposed in the Mayor's original budget. East Orange has had two consecutive tax decreases."

The release goes on to say, "The Mayor proposed to the Council the pledge to sell tax liens in bulk on January 13, 1994. A member of the City Council last week stated that he had only two weeks to review the proposal. In the Mayor's letter to the Council he responded, 'You have had 10 1/2 weeks to review the bulk sale concept I submitted to you in January.'"

Coopers statement continued, "I have submitted three previous budgets that have all met the promises I made to the people of East Orange. The budget before you is my fourth budget and I have no reason to question that it is not as fiscally responsible as all of my other budgets."

The release also states that a special meeting will be held to discuss the tax lien program. In addition, the release says, "Homeowners should know the following: If we do not support the Tax Lien Program, taxpayers may continue to pay taxes for property owners who have been delinquent with municipal taxes; if delinquent taxpayers do not support the program, they could lose title to their homes; and the program would allow delinquent property owners more time to pay their debt (up to two years)."

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP-94-83GCP-ELE-02 ELECTRICAL UPGRADING
AT NJ21-6-2-1, DR. ANDREW MCBRIDE HOMES

The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson is making a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified Professional firms to provide Electrical Upgrading at NJ21-6-2, Dr. Andrew McBride Homes.

Scope of Services and other documents may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during office hours from 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, at the Housing Authority of the City of Paterson, 160 Ward Street, Second Floor, Paterson, New Jersey 07659. Any additional information can be obtained by calling the Purchasing Department at (201)345-5395.

Proposals shall be accordance with the Scope of Services and will be submitted by interested firms no later than 12:00 Noon, Thursday, April 28, 1994, in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Proposal for Professional Services for Lead Based Paint Testing at NJ21-1, Riverside Terrace Development, with the job title written on both an inner envelope containing the proposals and on an outer envelope for the Housing Authority of the City of Paterson.

Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) will be offered full opportunity to bid and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration of an award.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PATERSON
FRANK DEL MONACO,
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ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS
PROJECT NO. NJ 25-3
ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Separate sealed bids for Security Gate Site Improvements at NJ25-3

The Orange Housing Authority will receive sealed bids by May 6, 1994 at the office of the Executive Director until 11 o'clock a.m. prevailing time, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids, and may be submitted either by mail or in person, by the BIDDER or his agent. No bid will be accepted after the designated time.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of BIDDER and marked "Bid for Security Gate Site Improvements at NJ25-3."

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at Orange Housing Authority offices.

Copies may be obtained at the office of The Orange Housing Authority located at 340 Thomas Blvd., Orange, NJ upon payment of \$50 for each set (non-refundable). Checks shall be payable in the amount of \$50 to "Housing Authority of the City of Orange."

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a guarantee payable to the Housing Authority that, if a contract is awarded, the BIDDER shall enter into contract therefor, and shall furnish a Performance Bond (100%) and a Material and Labor Bond (100%). The Proposal guarantee shall be in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, and shall be given, at the option of the BIDDER, by certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond.

The surety company for Bid Bond and the surety company for the Performance and Payment Bonds must be licensed in New Jersey State and must be approved by the Federal Treasury.

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Bidders can visit the site, prior to bidding, by contacting Mr. William Reid, Executive Director. To make an appointment please telephone 201-675-1250, at the Authority's office located at 340 Thomas Blvd. City of Orange, New Jersey.

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Women get rough

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County Warbler.

Also Rev. Levin West, Sr. of Grace West Manor, a Central Ward Senior Citizen housing complex; two local businessmen, James Pecora and Frank Petolino, Newark Deputy Mayor or Luis Quintana and veteran incumbent Donald Tucker were on hand.

One by one candidates ticked off a variety of complaints about city services and problems. Collectively they lashed out about a "failing school system," crime running amok among the young against the old, deteriorating family values and inadequate recreational facilities throughout the city.

Just when the debate seemed to settle down to little more than familiar, bland political rhetoric, candidate Bessie Walker, a member of the Newark Board of Education set off a flurry of excitement by questioning how many more times Mildred Crump is going to run for a council seat. This year marks Crump's third attempt to be elected.

Walker had scarcely uttered the words when Gayle Chaneyfield, an affiliate of the New Community Corporation, a Central Ward-based community activist group, rose to Crump's defense stating she could run as often and as long as she wanted. "If Mildred wants to run until she is elected, that's her business. How dare you question that?" Chaneyfield asked Walker.

The reaction from other candidates was almost immediate as a confusion of men and women gathered around Crump who rose to answer her opponent. Seconds later Councilman Tucker, Rev. West and Frank Petolino joined the fray.

The unexpected attack brought the audience to its feet—some cheering, some jeering. When Crump finally made it to the front of the stage shouting, "I intend to run for a seat on the City Council until I win because I'm not a quitter," the crowd applauded with a standing ovation.

Later when a question of "slates" was raised there appeared to be some hesitations among the candidates until another familiar community activist, Frank Hurtz, waived a Spanish-speaking newspaper at Quintana and pointed to a political ad indicating the deputy mayor's linkage to the candidacies of Mayor Sharpe James and North Ward Councilman Anthony Carrino.

Then Crump and Chaneyfield dropped another political bomb announcing they be running on a slate of two for the remainder of the campaign.

The next city-wide debate for at-large seats will be conducted in the South Ward by the Essex County Young Democrats.

Fidelity Bank offers special loans, free services to Edison explosion victims

EDISON—First Fidelity Bank recently announced that it was offering a special loan and service package to the residents of Edison's Durham Woods Apartment complex who were affected by gas explosion.

Unsecured personal loans of up to \$10,000 will be granted at reduced interest rates with the first loan payment not due for three months. A Durham Woods Emergency Loan and Service Center has been established at First Fidelity's Edison branch, 1899 Route 27 and Stony Road West, where

applications for these loans will be taken.

Loan decisions will be made within 24 hours of application. Durham Woods residents with existing First Fidelity loans may apply at the Edison branch.

Collection canisters for the Edison Mayor's Relief Fund are being set up at 25 First Fidelity branches in the region and First Fidelity will match the donations, with the bank committed to a minimum contribution of \$5,000.

City of Plainfield repairs streets

PLAINFIELD—Mayor Mark Furey recently announced that street improvements on Randolph Road, between Park and Plainfield avenues are scheduled to commence on or about April 14.

It is anticipated that the improvements will be completed in approximately three months. During various stages of construction, bus and through traffic will be temporarily detoured around the project. However, inconvenience will be kept to a minimum by

allowing traffic each evening and on weekends. Work details include removal of old trolley rail wooden ties from beneath the road surface, constructing new curbs, handicap ramps, trees, pavement and striping.

"We intend to push for ongoing improvements for our city's infrastructure. The Randolph road project signals the first of many projects in this administration's commitment to maintaining and upgrading the city's streets and facilities," said the Mayor.

Dr. Flagg

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hood that prompted youths to seek him out despite his advice education and must supercede athletics. "One is purpose and the other promise," he was often overheard to tell budding teenage "stars."

Like other young men in the 1940s, Tom Flagg served in the U.S. Armed Forces (1943-46). He was involved in the Normandy Invasion, earned a Bronze Star, Good conduct Medal and an honorable discharge.

In 1942 he was married to his now-widow, Dr. E. Alma Williams. Their June 24 wedding at First Mt. Zion Baptist Church was the social event of the season and the first of two well known Newark families. They are the parents of Thomas L. Flagg and Luisa Flagg Foley who with their mother, survive Dr. Flagg.

For years the Flaggs were known

as Newark's first Educational Family. Dr. E. Alma Flagg taught in Newark schools until her retirement several years ago, became one of the first African American principals, an administrator with the Board of Education and a Newark school is named in her honor.

While academe was his first and most intense loves, he did not neglect civic, cultural and social interests. Dr. Flagg was a life member of 50-year honor of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa Education Fraternity, Track Officials Organization, United Hospitals of Newark Citizens Advisory Committee, Montclair State Alumni (board member) a Life Member of the NAACP, Frontiers International of Newark and Frontiersman of the Year

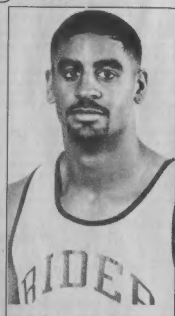
Jones leads Rider to winning season

LAWRENCEVILLE—Jabbar Jones of Plainfield, a junior communications major at Rider College, completed his third season on the Rider basketball team at the NCAA National Championship tournament. In the NCAA Tournament East Regional, Rider lost to the University of Connecticut 64-46 after leading for most of the first half. Connecticut was ranked third in the nation, and was tied 29-29 with Rider at half time.

A 1991 graduate of Plainfield High School, Jones started all 30 games for the 21-9 Broncos, leading Rider to a best-ever record and a second consecutive Northeast Conference regular season and championship tournament title.

The 6'7" Jones averaged 8.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 29.8 minutes played per game as the Rider center this year. In his three-year Rider career, Jones has compiled 519 points and 433 rebounds in 83 games.

This season Jones grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds in an NEC win over Monmouth, 14 points and 10 rebounds in an NEC win over St. Francis-NY, and nine points and 11 rebounds in a win over Wagner in



Jabbar Jones

the semi-finals of the NEC playoffs.

Last season Jones received the Coaches Award as the team's Most Improved Player.

At Plainfield High, Jones was the president of his senior class, and was named the 1991 Athlete of the Year by Storier Cable.

Kenyan runners win 20K men's and women's race

NEWARK—Two Kenyans captured the \$2,000, first-place prize of the Men's and Women's 20-Kilometer Race of the 20th Annual, "Newark Distance Classic," sponsored by the Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, held recently at Rutgers-Newark Gymnasium.

The perfect weather boosted both running times and spectator turnout as the first 15 finishers topped last year's winning time.

The road race, which drew almost 250 runners, consisted of three events (Two-Mile Fun Run, Four-Mile and the 20-K).

Jackson Kipngok, 27, of Nairobi, Kenya, seized the Men's 20-K crown with a winning time of 1:00:06 (two minutes and 38 seconds, faster than

last year's winning time), in a heart-stopping run to the wire. He nipped fellow countryman John Kagwe, 23, by one second. Joe Lemay, 27, of West Orange, finished third with a time of 1:00:24 just 18 seconds off the mark. Lemay, last year's winner, was a three-time consecutive champion.

In the Women's Division, Veronica Kanga, 27, also of Nairobi, Kenya, won with a time of 1:14:49 (four minutes 19 seconds off last year's top finish). Gillian Beschloss, 35 of New York, took second place with a time of 1:15:36 and Heather Gracie, 31, of Peapack-Gladstone, finished third with a time of 1:19:53. For completers, contact the DORCA office at 201-733-6454.

NEWARK SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The local share (\$80 million) has remained the same for three consecutive years.

VOTE!

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A "YES" VOTE
is In Favor of the Budget

A "NO" VOTE
is Against the Budget

PROPOSED REVENUE

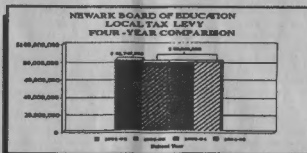
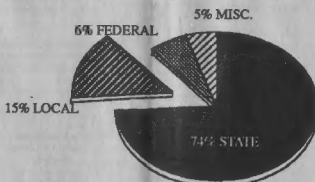
Balance Appropriated	\$9,854,000
Local	
Local Tax Levy	80,000,000
Tuition	1,135,833
Miscellaneous	9,703,734
State	
Foundation Aid	291,163,488
Capital Outlay	4,847,586
Special Education	27,579,663
Transportation	5,984,829
Aid for "At-Risk"	40,815,529
Bilingual Aid	6,657,201
Other State Aid	6,040,535
Federal	
Vocational Education	1,014,756
Impact Aid	150,000
Chapter II	25,343,932
Chapter II	746,316
PL 94-142 (Handicapped)	2,225,800
Other Federal Aid	3,126,503
Total Debt Service	5,745,870
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 522,135,577



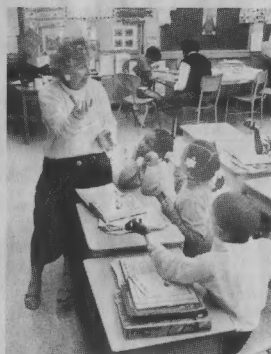
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Funding for the Newark public schools is received from three main sources: state aid, federal grants and local property tax. In the April 19 election Newark voters will be asked to decide on the current expense. The following pie chart demonstrates the percentage of funding from each source.

SOURCE OF FUNDS



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WHAT EACH DOLLAR BUYS

Instruction	.46
Attendance and Health Services	.02
General Administration	.02
School Administration	.06
Business and Support Services	.02
Fixed Charges and Telephone	.13
Operation and Maintenance	.11
Transportation	.03
Tuition	.03
Food Service	.02
Student Activities and Athletics	.01
Capital Outlay	.01
Special Schools and Programs	.01
Special Revenue Fund	.07

Total \$ 1.00